IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1.   (Previously Presented) A portable computing device comprising:

a housing;

a display accessible on a panel of the housing; and

a processor coupled to the display, the processor being configured to:

> detect an input corresponding to a menu request;

> activate a first menu on the display in response to the menu request, the
>> activated first menu displaying a menu bar and one or more menu
>> items, wherein the menu corresponds to a portion of the first
>> menu that provides an identifier of the first menu when the first
>> menu is both active and inactive, and wherein when the first menu
>> is active, each of the one or more menu items is associated with an
>> action;

> process navigation input to navigate to the menu bar of the active first
>> menu, including navigation input to cause the menu bar of the
>> active first menu to be selectable;

> process selection input for when the menu bar is selectable; and

> cancel activation of the first menu from the display in response to (i) the
>> menu bar of the first menu being selectable and (ii) the selection
>> input for the menu bar being processed.

2.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein the
processor is configured to process navigation input to navigate vertically to the menu bar
from one of the one or more menu items in the active first menu.

3.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein the
processor is configured to execute an application that makes only the first menu available
while a corresponding page of the application is being displayed on the display, and to

process a lateral navigation input while the first menu is active in order to cancel the first menu from being active.

4.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to process navigation input to navigate laterally from the first menu to the second menu in order to make the second menu active instead of the first menu, and wherein the processor is configured to automatically make a menu bar of the second menu selectable in response to the second menu being activated by the lateral navigation input.

5.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 4, wherein the processor is configured to process navigation input to cause the menu bar of the second menu item to be selectable immediately upon the second menu being made active in response to the lateral navigation input, and wherein the processor is configured to cancel activation of the second menu from the display in response to the menu bar of the second menu being selected by the selection input.

6.   (Currently Amended) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to process the navigation input to make the menu bar highlighted for selection by the selection input.

7.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to process navigation input to navigate from one of the one or more menu items of the first menu to the menu bar in order to make the menu bar selectable.

8-9. (Canceled)

10.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to process navigation input from actuation of one or more user-interactive features, the navigation input being processed by the processor to navigate to and make the menu bar selectable, wherein the processor is configured to navigate laterally from the first menu to a second menu in response to the actuation of the one or more user-interactive features corresponding to a lateral navigation input, and to make

the menu bar of the active second menu bar selectable upon navigating to the second menu.

11.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 10, wherein the processor is configured to process selection input when the menu bar of the second menu is made selectable in order to select that menu bar and cause cancellation of the second menu being active.

12.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 1, further comprising one or more user-interactive features, each of the one or more user-interactive features causing discrete inputs to be processed by the processor, wherein the processor is configured to process navigation input corresponding to actuation of one or more of the plurality of user-interactive features to navigate to the menu bar vertically from one of the menu items in the first menu in response to receiving a series of one or more discrete inputs from operations of the one or more user-interactive features.

13.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 12, wherein the series of discrete inputs correspond to a series of button presses.

14.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 12, wherein the series of discrete inputs correspond to a series of button presses from a multi-directional button mechanism.

15.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein the processor navigates to the menu bar by highlighting the menu bar.

16.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 1, further comprising one or more user-interactive features that are actuatable to cause navigation input to be processed by the processor, wherein a direction in which the processor navigates the menu bar is determined by a user selectively actuating the one or more user-interactive features.

17.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to perform an action in response to one of the menu items of the first menu being selected.

18.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 1, further comprising one or more user-interactive features that are actuatable to cause navigation input to be processed by the processor, and wherein the one or more user-interactive features includes a multi-directional mechanical feature.

19.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 18, wherein the multi-directional mechanical feature is selected from a group of user-interactive features consisting of a joy stick, a joy pad, and a set of scroll buttons.

20.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim18, wherein the one or more user-interactive features include a set of application buttons.

21.   (Currently Amended) The portable computing device of claim 1, further comprising one or more user-interactive features that are actuatable to cause navigation input to be processed by the processor, and wherein the one or more user-interactive features include virtual features that appear on the display and which are selectable through contact with the display.

22.   (Previously Presented) A portable computing device comprising:
a housing;
a display accessible on a panel of the housing;
a set of actuatable mechanisms provided on the housing; and
a processor coupled to the display and to the plurality of actuatable mechanisms, the
          processor being configured to:
                    detect an input corresponding to a menu request;
                    in response to detecting the input corresponding to the menu request,
                          assign a menu function to each actuatable mechanism in the set of
                               actuatable mechanisms; and

display one or more sets of menu items that are active in response to the menu request, each of the one or more sets of menu items being displayed as a portion of a menu having a menu bar and one or more menu items, wherein the menu bar corresponds to a portion of the menu that provides an identifier of the menu when the menu is both active and inactive, and wherein when the menu is active, each of the one or more menu items is associated with an action;

while the one or more sets of menu items are active, process input corresponding to actuation of any one of the actuatable mechanisms as the menu function assigned to the actuated actuatable mechanism, wherein the processor is configured to display a menu bar with each of the one or more sets of menu items in response to receiving the menu request, and wherein the processor is configured to cancel activation of the one or more sets of menu items in response to (i) navigation input to cause the menu bar to be in a selectable state, and (ii) selection input for selecting the menu bar from the selectable state.

23-24. (Canceled)

25.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 22, wherein the application associated with each actuatable mechanism is different for each actuatable mechanism.

26.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 22, wherein the actuatable mechanisms are buttons.

27.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 22, wherein actuatable mechanisms in the set of actuatable mechanisms are each assigned an individual menu function corresponding to navigating menu items in one of either a lateral direction or a vertical direction.

28.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 22, wherein at least one of the actuatable mechanisms in the set of actuatable mechanisms is assigned a menu function for selecting a selectable menu item.

29.   (Canceled)

30.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 22, wherein the processor is configured to display a menu bar with each of the one or more sets of menu items in response to receiving the menu request, and wherein the processor is configured to cancel activation of the one or more sets of menu items in response to selection input for canceling the one or more active sets of menu items.

31-34. (Canceled)

35.   (Previously Presented) A portable computing device comprising:

a housing;

a display accessible on a panel of the housing;

a multi-directional input feature provided on the panel of the housing and operable in four
        or more directions to enable a user to enter (i) a navigation input for at least each
        of the four directions, and (ii) a selection input; and

a processor coupled to the display and responsive to the operation of the multi-directional
        input feature on the panel of the housing, the processor being configured to:

                detect an input for opening one or a plurality of menus;

                open a first menu on the display in response to the input, the first menu
                        displaying one or more menu items;

                receive a series of navigation inputs from the multi-directional input
                        feature being operated in at least a first direction;

                scroll in the first menu or in at least a second menu in the plurality of
                        menus using the series of navigation inputs, in order to activate one
                        or more menu items of the first or second menu; and

identify a selection of a menu item of the first menu or the second menu, wherein the selection is identified from the multi-directional input feature being operated to enter the selection input;

perform one or more operations associated with the menu item selection.

36.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 35, wherein the multi-directional input feature is selected from a group of input features consisting of a multi-directional pad, a joy stick, and a joy pad.

37.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 35, wherein the multi-directional input feature is pressed centrally to effect the selection input.

38.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 37, wherein the multi-directional input features includes a multi-directional pad.

39.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 35, wherein the series of navigation inputs from the multi-directional input feature include one or more navigation inputs from the multi-directional input feature being operated in the first direction and one or more navigation inputs from the multi-directional input feature being operated in a second direction, and wherein the processor is configured to scroll in the first menu or in the second menu in response to receiving the one or more navigation inputs from the multi-directional input feature being operated in the first direction, and scroll from the first menu to the second menu in response to the multi-directional input feature being operated in a second direction.

40.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 39, wherein the first direction is a vertical direction, and the second direction is a lateral direction.

41.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 35, wherein the processor is configured to (i) execute an application that makes only the first menu available while a corresponding content provided by the application is displayed on the

display, and (ii) process a lateral navigation input while the first menu is active in order to cancel the first menu from being active.

42.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 35, wherein the processor is further configured to process a lateral navigation input in the series of navigation inputs to navigate laterally from the first menu to the second menu.

43.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 35, wherein the processor is configured to cancel the first menu and the second menu in response to one of the navigation inputs in the series of navigation inputs.

44.   (Previously Presented) The portable computing device of claim 35, wherein the processor is configured to open the first menu or the second menu using a given navigation input or selection input from the multi-directional input feature.